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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/62/101/Rev.1, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras)

Imtiaz Hussain (Pakistan)

Misako Kaji (Japan)

Jerry Kramer (Canada)

Peter Maddens (Belgium)

Wasim Mir (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Nagesh Singh (India)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow (see annex).

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Annex

Curricula vitae

Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 30 December 1963

Education

Certificate of secondary education in science and humanities, Instituto San Francisco, Honduras, 1976-1981

Advanced study of English, Boston University, 1982-1983

BS, BA in international business, American University, Washington, D.C., 1984-1989

Graduate Certificate in United Nations Studies, Long Island University, 1993-1994

Master of Science, Long Island University, 1994-1995

Languages: Spanish, English, Italian

Experience

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2005-present

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations, New York, 2002-present

Counsellor (economic affairs), Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations, New York, 1992-1997

Financial adviser to various Honduras Government institutions, 1990-1992, 1997-2000

Private sector

Finance manager and vice-chairman, NVN Inc., Honduras, 1998-2002

Administrative manager, INHALSA, 1989-1992

United Nations

Member of the Honduras delegation in the General Assembly, 1992-1997, 2002-2003

Representative of Honduras in the Fifth Committee, 1992-1997, 2002-2003

Representative of Honduras in the Second Committee, 1995-1996

Member of the Honduras delegation in the United Nations Security Council, 1995-1996

Security Council committees

Iraq-Kuwait, Yugoslavia, Somalia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Rwanda and Angola, 1995-1996

Meetings and conferences

World Summit for Social Development

Fourth World Conference on Women

Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

International Conference on Population and Development

South-South Conference on Trade, Finance and Investment

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

High-Level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations

Ambassador Flores Callejas has lectured on international finance and other subjects.

Imtiaz Hussain (Pakistan)

[Original: English]

Imtiaz Hussain joined the diplomatic service on 1 November 1986 and has served in various capacities, both in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and in Pakistan's missions abroad. At the Foreign Ministry, as Desk Officer for Audit and Inspection, he was responsible for the implementation of the Inspector General's reports, in coordination with all relevant departments. As Director (Organization of the Islamic Conference — OIC) in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, apart from being responsible for political, economic, social and cultural issues, he was in charge of the administrative and budgetary aspects of the OIC. He was Pakistan's delegate to the working group on the OIC administrative reforms during his tenure, from 1997 to 2000. As Director, Security Council and human rights, he is familiar with the Security Council's role in peacekeeping and special political missions.

Mr. Hussain has been posted to Pakistan's embassies in Belgrade, Copenhagen, Zagreb, Sarajevo and Seoul. He has served in Pakistan's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and is currently posted as Minister in the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York. In Geneva, he was in charge of affairs relating to the Commission on Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the International Organization for Migration, including administrative and budgetary matters. In the Permanent Mission in New York, he is Pakistan's delegate to the Fifth Committee and is familiar with the gamut of administrative and budgetary matters on its agenda.

Through his assignments in the United Nations Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Pakistan's Permanent Mission to Geneva and New York, he has had hands-on experience in dealing with all aspects of the United Nations, including its administrative and budgetary aspects and management and secretariat reform. He has been the coordinator of the Group of 77 on several important negotiations and has helped the Committee in forging consensus on those issues.

Mr. Hussain has attended numerous summits and ministerial meetings of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Non-Aligned Movement and the United Nations during his career.

Mr. Hussain holds a master degree in chemistry from Punjab University, Lahore Pakistan, and has attended several training programmes, including advance courses in public administration in Pakistan and abroad.

Misako Kaji (Japan)

[Original: English]

Present position

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since August 2007

Minister, Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, since October 2006

Academic background

BA in economics, University of Tokyo, 1981

BA in politics, philosophy and economics, University of Oxford, 1984

Previous professional career

1981 Joined the Japanese Foreign Service

1984 Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan, United Kingdom

1987 Assistant Director, Economic Affairs Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1993 First Secretary, Mission of Japan to the European Union

1996 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Viet Nam

1998 Counsellor, Social Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

2000 Special Adviser to Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

2002 Deputy Press Secretary to Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan

2004 Principal Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

2006 Delegate to the Fifth Committee

Jerry Kramer (Canada)

[Original: English]

Education

BA (honours), McGill University, Montreal

Professional experience

Counsellor, Finance and Management, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York, September 2002-present

Member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since January 2005

Canadian representative in the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Senior Economic Policy Officer, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Group, Department of Foreign Affairs, September 2000-August 2002

Canadian representative to the Budget and Management Committee and official responsible for economic and technical cooperation

Head, Political, Economic and Public Affairs, Canadian Consulate General, Los Angeles, United States of America, 1996-2000

Promotion of Canadian economic and cultural relations with California and other states

Director, Economic and Social Development Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, 1994-1996

Policy responsibility for Canadian participation in the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Counsellor (development), Canadian Embassy, Pretoria, 1991-1994

Responsible for managing Canadian development cooperation in South Africa

Counsellor, Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, 1986-1991

Represented Canadian interests in the economic and social sectors of the United Nations and its funds and programmes; Chair of the United Nations Development Programme Budget and Finance Committee

Head, bilateral food aid, Canadian International Development Agency, 1983-1986

Responsible for planning the Canadian food aid response to the African famine of the period

Strategic Policy Officer, Canadian International Development Agency, 1981-1983

Responsible for assisting in planning Canadian development cooperation priorities

First Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Jakarta, 1979-1981

Responsible for Canadian development cooperation programmes in Indonesia

Planning Officer, Canadian International Development Agency, 1974-1979

Responsible for assessing economic and development cooperation programmes in South Asia

Peter Maddens (Belgium)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: Suresnes, France, 25 July 1960

Relevant professional experience

Currently: Ambassador of Belgium to the United Republic of Tanzania, Malawi, Mauritius and Zambia (resident in Dar es Salaam)

August 2000-July 2003: Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (Vienna)

Responsibilities: (i) representative in the OSCE Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (responsible for negotiations and decision-making in budget, personnel and administrative matters) and (ii) issues connected with political matters and the economic dimension of the OSCE

Managing the Mission to the OSCE (12 individuals and a local budget of €300,000)

Chairing the working group which completely revised the OSCE Staff Regulations

European Union presidency (end of 2001): coordination of European Union positions within the Permanent Council on all issues before it

February 1999-August 2000: Head of the communications department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brussels)

Promotion: (i) promoting Belgium abroad, (ii) promoting Belgian foreign policy in Belgium, (iii) promoting the Ministry and its career opportunities in Belgium by producing video and DVD films and brochures and developing and managing the Ministry website (www.diplobel.org)

Reorganizing the Ministry's internal communications by means including the design, establishment and launching of the Ministry's Intranet in May 2000

Managing an independent budget of €3 million and a staff of 22

January 1998-February 1999: European Union and United Nations departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels

August 1992-December 1997: First Secretary and later Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations in New York

Representative of Belgium in the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary) of the General Assembly, which discusses all budgetary, administrative and personnel issues for the entire United Nations system; chaired a number of working groups, including that on the establishment of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (March-June 1994) and that on reforming the financing of peacekeeping operations (October-December 1994)

Member of the Bureau of the Committee (as Rapporteur) at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly (1995-1996)

European Union presidency during the forty-eighth and fifty-first sessions of the General Assembly

Logistical responsibilities within the Mission of Belgium for ministerial visits to the United Nations

August 1989-July 1992: Deputy head of mission, Embassy of Belgium, Caracas

Political, economic, consular and representational responsibilities; specific responsibilities relating to development cooperation (indirect assistance to Venezuela and direct bilateral assistance to Suriname)

October 1987-July 1989: Entered the diplomatic service — probationary period

January 1984-September 1987: EuropAssistance, Brussels (part-time)

January 1986-December 1986: Internship with the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels

Education

University level: Degree in law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Catholic University of Louvain), July 1985

Secondary: Sint Jan Berchmanscollege (Brussels); London GCE advanced levels (Nairobi, January 1980)

Military service: February-September 1980

Languages and information and communications technology

Dutch: mother tongue

English: mother-tongue level

French: mother-tongue level

Spanish: very good knowledge

German: basic knowledge

Kiswahili: limited knowledge

Information and communications technology: word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, etc.

Wasim Mir (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

[Original: English]

Wasim Mir is the Counsellor responsible for management reform and finance at the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations. As such, he is part of the Mission's senior management team and heads the section responsible for Fifth Committee issues.

Wasim joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1998 and has spent most of his career focusing on multilateral issues and institutional reform. He worked at the United Kingdom representation to the European Union from 1999 to 2001, focusing on issues around institutional reform and governance. After that, he returned to London, where he joined the United Nations Department, heading a unit responsible for sanctions policy. After two years as head of the Sanctions Unit, Wasim moved on to become Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Board and head of internal communications. In this role, he helped the Board guide the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through a far-reaching change programme.

In 2005, Wasim was asked to return to the United Kingdom representation to the European Union and head work on counter-terrorism and counter-proliferation during the presidency of the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Wasim worked for three years for the Department for Education and Employment, where he was responsible for, among other things, reform of the United Kingdom's approach to employment services and preschool education. He also spent a year on secondment to the European Commission, taking a lead in pushing through reforms in the way in which employment services work together across the European Union.

Wasim studied economics at the London School of Economics, graduating in 2003. He subsequently obtained a masters degree in law from the University of Manchester, graduating in 2004. While working in Brussels, Wasim obtained an executive masters degree in business administration from the University of Leuven, specializing in public sector reform.

Nagesh Singh (India)

[Original: English]

Nagesh Singh, a career Foreign Service Officer with the Ministry of External Affairs of India, is currently posted as First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York. He is India's delegate to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, dealing with administrative and budgetary issues. He also looks after peacekeeping finance and accounts in the Mission, especially in the context of India's position as one of the largest troop-contributing countries for United Nations peacekeeping operations, with substantial contributions in terms of contingent-owned equipment and troops. This also entails keeping an account of payments and receivables between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office of the Controller of Defence Accounts of the Government of India. He also serves as India's representative on the Committee for Programme and Coordination. He is fluent in English and French.

Nagesh Singh has a master of arts degree in economics with specialization in econometrics and monetary theory from the Delhi School of Economics. His bachelor of arts degree is also in economics from the University of Delhi, with specialization in trade and development and statistics and econometrics.

Previous assignments

February 2003-June 2006: Private Secretary to the Minister of State for External Affairs in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. He was responsible for managing all affairs of the Minister's Office, including parliamentary work and coordination with other ministries of the Government of India.

July 2002-February 2003: Under-Secretary (Pakistan) in the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Division of the Ministry of External Affairs. As desk officer for Pakistan, he dealt with political, economic and consular issues concerning India-Pakistan bilateral relations.

May 2000-June 2002: Second/First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Dakar, dealing with administrative and budgetary matters of the Mission As commercial representative in the Mission, besides trade and investment promotion, he was also in charge of India's technical and economic cooperation programme with Senegal, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania and the Gambia.

June 1997-May 2000: Third Secretary/Second Secretary and Head of Chancery in the Embassy of India in Paris, dealing with administrative and budgetary matters of the Embassy.

January 1996-June 1997: Attaché in the Europe-West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with India's bilateral relations with the Western European countries.

September 1995-December 1997: Indian Foreign Service probationer under training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, and the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi. Underwent intensive training in international security affairs, the United Nations and other multilateral organizations, economic diplomacy, public administration and international law.

1992-1994: Research associate at the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations in New Delhi, assisting in study projects commissioned by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry on effective rates of protection in Indian industry and the impact of economic liberalization on the terms of trade between agriculture and industry in India.